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SUBJECT: ANTI-SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEMONSTRATION IN PHNOM PENH

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1. CONSIDERABLE LOCAL FEELING AGAINST SOUTH VIETNAMESE POSITION IN GKR-GVN OIL DISPUTE RESULTED IN BRIEF DEMONSTRATION MORNING SEPTEMBER 13 (AP CORRESPONDENT HAS ALREADY FILED ON INCIDENT). DEMONSTRATORS, MOSTELY STUDENTS, CARRIED BANNERS DEMANDING REMOVAL OF SOTH VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR, AND CONDEMNING SOUTH VIETNAMESE "AGGRESSION". CROWD WAS ORDERLY ACCORDING TO OUR REPORTS, AND POLICE KEPT THEM WELL UNDER CONTROL. THEY WERE NOT PERMITTED NEAR GVN EMBASSY OR AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AND DISPERSED QUIETLY IN LATE MORNING.

2. POLICE ARE OBVIOUSLY UNDER INSTRUCTIONS TO PREVENT HARMFUL INCIDENTS. IN ADDITION TO CAPABLE HANDLING OF DEMONSTRATION, THEY LAID ON DOUBLE COVER-
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AGE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 12 FOR MAJOR FUNCTION HOSTED

BY GVN AMBASSADOR UPON OCCASION OF HIS DUGHTER'S
MARRIAGE.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE MAY BE ANOTHER DEMON-
STRATION TOMORROW. SOME OF THE LEADERS OF THE PROTEST
ARE THE SAME STUDENT/TEACHER ACTIVITSTS WHO HAVE
ORGANIZED DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE PAST ON INTERNAL KHMER
ISSUES, AND THEY MAY NOW BE USING LATENT ANTAGONISM
AGAINST VIETNAMESE FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES.
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